

Don't Forget the New Year's Ball December 31 in Kiefer's Hall

Glen-Coa Gleanings

Mr. E. R. Erickson is in Edmonton at present with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Erickson and family.

Mr. Hans Christenson left for the coast last week to spend the Christmas season with the Rev. Curtis Sastre and family at Vancouver.

Miss Avis Sater finishes nursing at Wainwright hospital this week-end. After spending the festive season at her home she plans to nurse at the Charles-Camsell hospital.

Two other nurses have other plans for the New Year, namely Misses Evelyn Erickson and Norma Lukness. The former completes her nursing at the Misericordia, the latter at the Wainwright hospital at the end of this month, and they are both off to nurse in Port Arthur Ontario.

Mr. Sigmund Gulbraa is at present working in Southern Alberta, the land of the chinooks.

The best of good wishes go with our young people as they leave their homes for work far afield.

Sharon Sunday School is holding its annual Christmas program on Sunday evening, Dec. 23.

We regret to say that Pastor Knudson is still on the sick list. Christmas services for Sharon will be at 11 a.m. on December 27, Pastor Allan Severson of Outlook, Sask., being the visiting minister.

What a welcome change in the weather this week!

May the blessings of the Christmas season be realized by each one!

Northern Nuggets

The December meeting of the Triangle FUA was held last Monday in the Albert school. Very fine reports were given by delegates Mrs. C. Ramsay and Mr. Eric Prior. The next meeting will be held on January 17. This is expected to be held as a social evening.

Our globe-trotters Miss Frances Barrs and Mrs. Edna Smith are on their way home from their European tour and are expected to be at their respective homes in the Albert district for Christmas.

Silent Night, Holy Night,
May sacred peace and heavenly light

Make all your Christmas season bright.
Silent Night, Holy Night.

Weekly Inspirational Corner

(Sponsored by an Irma Times reader)

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

Luke 2:8-14

Our Christmas Story

It all began in the fall of 1954—one stormy day when it wasn't even fit for a dog to be out, a large handsome cat with tiger stripes appeared seemingly from nowhere on the step of the Irma bus depot. The proprietor, who knows a gentleman when he sees one, invited the visitor in.

The invitation was graciously accepted and the big cat became a member of the office staff as manager of the Public Relations Dept. He was given the good old English name of "George" and soon made himself a host of friends.

A good cat is a lovely combination of grace, dignity, beauty, humor and affection. George had all these good qualities in all proper proportions and many folk who had considered themselves to be cat haters felt a strange feeling of awe coming over them as they looked at him.

As George's beautiful arched neck and glossy back rose up under the hand which each somehow felt he must put toward him, and a purr that would do credit to a diesel engine began to vibrate through his frame all former prejudices melted away and George had added another friend to his ever-increasing list.

All through that winter he held court like a king but when spring, became official he disappeared. Rumors were afloat that he had been run over by a truck and there was general mourning.

However, the first stormy day of the fall of 1955 the news was spread around town, "George is back, George is back."

He had arrived as unheralded as that first winter and slipped into his old routine as though he had only been out for lunch, He was plumper and more prosperous in appearance than ever and just as friendly.

No one was too surprised last spring when he suddenly disappeared—by this time it was well understood that this king of cats was a vagabond king.

Came the fall of 1956 and the cold snap at the end of October did not bring him. Even those opening days of December, which made most hardy folk of our community cower in their igloos, failed to send George to his usual refuge.

His patron at the bus depot sadly took in a lesser feline, which was badly in need of shelter and considered the episode closed.

Our story does not end here for the day following the 40 below zero day in walked George. Larger, plumper, happier than ever. Seated on a box just inside the office door once again he receives his friends: George is home for Christmas and in his usual spirit of peace and good will he extends his cheerful greetings to one and all.

Southern Sayings

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cressy have their lovely baby daughter Margaret Anne, who has spent so many weeks in Wainwright hospital, home with them at last. We are all so happy for them and we know their Christmas will be quite complete.

Mr. J. Jackson returned home from Calgary last week-end via Sundre where he visited at the home of his daughter and brought his grand-daughter Marlene back with him. They went by Edmonton enroute and visited with Albert who brought them on to Irma on Tuesday.

Mr. Quance who has been visiting here at the home of his daughter Mrs. H. Long, went on to Edmonton to visit with his other daughter before returning home to Gladby.

Heartiest Holiday Greetings to all.

During 1955 the average Canadian family income went up eight per cent to \$4,460.

EASTERLY ECHOES

Mrs. Bill Veer spent two days last week shopping in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Tindall attended the Farmers Union convention at delegates from Paschenale group.

Mrs. Stuart Fenton came home from Wainwright hospital last Saturday with their new baby.

The Battle River W.L. held their annual meeting December 14. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Dookson. Vice-Pres. Mrs. Dempsey. Secretary, Mrs. Cook. Treasurer, Mrs. E. Fenton. Sick and Visiting, Mrs. B. Veer. Plans were made for a Christmas Social to be held in the Legion Hall Saturday, December 29, all neighbors welcome. They are also starting their winter card games, the first to be held at the home of Mrs. Dempsey, Saturday, January 5.

Miss Maureen Dempsey will leave Edmonton early Sunday morning by plane for a two week vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pedel at Long Beach, Cal.

While listening to a band performance on the beach at Long Beach, California, Mr. Julius Stougard came across Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pedel. Julius hadn't heard of our cold weather so was glad he was away.

God Bless you all this Christmas Day.

May Bethlehem's star still light the way
And guide thee to the perfect peace

When every fear and doubt shall cease
And may thy home such glory know
As did the stable long ago.

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Services

UNITED CHURCH
CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 23
Albert Christmas Service at 10 a.m.

Irma Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service, Special Music at 11:30 a.m.

White Gift and Carol Service 7:30 p.m.

Glory to God in the Highest and on earth Peace and Good Will toward men.

H. W. Inglis, Minister.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Celebration of Holy Communion will be held in St. Mary's church on Christmas Day at 9:30 a.m. instead of 11 a.m. as previously announced.

The offertory at this service will be our Christmas gift to our Minister.

Service of Evensong will be held in St. Mary's church on Sunday, December 30 at 2 p.m.

THE ALLIANCE CHURCH

Friday, December 21, 8 p.m.
The public is invited to the Christmas program, the sound motion film "The Greatest Gift" will be shown.

Sunday, December 23, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School.
11:30 a.m. — The Christmas Message — "We Men Still Seek Him But Fools and More Cowards Do Not."

8 p.m. — Christmas Cantata by the young people.

Tuesday, December 25, 10:30 a.m. — Christmas Service.

Friday, December 26, 8 p.m. Youth for Christ Social at the Servicemen's Centre, Wainwright. Come and bring either sandwiches or cake.

Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Rev. L. D. Sheardown.

The Queen Elizabeth Islands, lying north of the great east-west passage and belonging to Canada are the most northerly lands in North America.

Messages From the Churches

CONCERNING PEACE

L. D. Sheardown

The Christmas season has arrived again and our thoughts turn back to the pages of God's eternal Word, which He has been pleased to give us in the form of a book known as the Holy Bible. In the record of the first Christmas in which we find Jehovah God taking upon Himself, the form of a man, John 1:14—"And the word was made flesh," allowing Himself to enter this earthly life as a babe—Matt. 1:23—"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel" which is, being interpreted, "God with us," for the purpose of making salvation available to the human race, Matt. 1:21—"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins," and Phil. 2:4-8, "Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, we again hear the message of the Gospels and host saying—Luke 2:14, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

Peace, and There is no Peace

As we look at world conditions today, everything appears to be opposite to the fulfillment of this message delivered by the angels.

We live in the prophesied time of which Jeremiah spoke when he said—Jer. 6:14—"They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people, slightly saying, Peace, peace, when there is no peace. We may strive for peace, we may have short periods of peace, but as long as sinful man, born with a fallen nature, spiritually blind and dead, walking according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (Satan), the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience, behaving himself according to the lust of the flesh, fulfilling the desire of the eye, and of the Holy God—Eph. 2—"As long as man walks in his will instead of the will of God, we will never see peace on this earth. As long as unsave, unrepentant, unregenerate man controls government, business, social life, and even the spiritual realm, there will be no peace.

There Will Be Peace In This Future

We live in the time Jesus spoke of in Matt. 24. We believe we are nearing the end of this age of grace (not the end of the world), but the end of the church age, when Christ shall come again and usher in the thousand years of peace. In this time He shall govern the earth, from Jerusalem, ruling it with a rod of iron, and sin will be controlled and peace will be experienced—Zech. 14: Rev. 19, 20.

We Can Experience Peace Now

What then was the meaning of the angels' message when they spoke of peace? The peace is not the peace of the complete work of Jesus Christ, which will be fully realized in the 1000 years of peace. Yet, it is immediate and speaks of the peace that the individual may have in His Maker. It is a peace of peace with God and is realized in a person's salvation. Then God will have given him a proper attitude toward his fellowmen. The person who is right with God will experience peace.

Jesus Has Provided This Peace

Col. 1:20 says, "Having made peace through the blood of His Cross. In speaking to His disciples, Christ says in John 14:11 "My peace I leave with you, my

THE IRMA UNITED CHURCH CHRISTMAS MESSAGE — 1956

I count it a privilege indeed to be able to extend Christmas Greetings to all of the members and friends of the church and to the community at large. In a few short days Christmas will come. For weeks you have been thinking about Christmas and making preparations of various kinds for its observance.

We Canadian people have absorbed the Christmas customs and traditions of a dozen countries and under the guidance of God they have become a part of us and a part of our Canadian way of life. It is encouraging to see the growing tendency to mould all these customs into a truly Christian observance of Christmas.

Christmas is a time when we give and receive gifts and we send and receive greetings because we want to share the joy and blessings which mean so much to us with our loved ones. It is a time when we are moved to help the needy and share the burdens of the distressed because we know that God sent His Son to a needy and distressed world, that "whoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life" and we know that "If we love Him we must love one another also."

Christmas takes us, with gratitude and worshipfulness, to a new beginning for man. Christmas has all the happiness of the birthday of a king, but it is our birthday too in this sense that in the birth of Jesus God gave us hope and life and salvation through Jesus Christ the Lord.

So let us worship God for his great gift in our local churches. Let all our holiday gatherings be governed by the Spirit of Jesus.

Let us not forget the stranger and the needy and the refugees. Let us pray and work for true peace.

peace I give unto you—not as the world giveth, give I unto you." The early church preached "peace through Jesus Christ"—Acts 10:36. Romans 5:1 declares "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." Phil. 4:7 promises, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ." If we make peace with God, we can have the peace of God even in the midst of corruption and unrest. David said—(Psalm 85:6)—"Great peace have they which love Thy law and nothing shall offend them."

How to Experience Peace

Isaiah 57:21—"There is no peace, saith my God to the wicked." The wicked are all who walk in their own will, do what they want, instead of bending their will to the will of God. Whether we are outright sinners or church members we are the wicked, if we have not been saved. To be saved means to be saved from the power of sin, eventually the presence of sin, and also the penalty of sin which is eternal Hell. The steps to peace are repentance and faith—Acts 20:21. Repentance means to be sorry enough for sin, self-righteousness and our own way to quit it and turn to God. Faith means to put your complete trust in what the Christ of Christmas has done for you by His death on the cross. Then God will do a work in your soul by the Holy Spirit and you will be saved—1 John 5:12, 13. You will experience peace with God—Romans 5:1.

The people and pastor of the Irma Alliance church sincerely pray God's richest blessing upon everyone with a heartfelt desire that all may experience real peace.

peace amongst all men and thus worship and honor Jesus Christ the Lord of Life.

I heard the bells on Christmas day,

Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

And thought how, as the day had come,
The bellfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song

Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said:
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song

Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep:
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail;
With peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a shant sublime,
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

—Longfellow.

—Rev. H. W. INGLIS.

NOTICE

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jones will be at home from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26. They invite their friends to come and help them celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary.

KIEFER'S SHOWS

at IRMA

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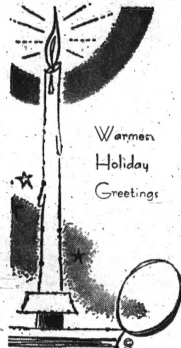
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old and new — may it bring the best for you!

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MILD JANUARY FORECAST FOR ALTA.

January will be remarkably mild, bearing little in common with January, 1956. Only two major cold outbreaks are anticipated, neither of which will bring anything spectacular in the way of low temperatures. The first Polar onslaught is expected about the 3rd or 4th, the second shortly after the 15th. Intervening periods should be conspicuously spotted with above-normal temperatures, the warmest of which are likely between the 10th and 15th.

Snowfall will approximate normal in the Peace River country. Less generous amounts are in prospect elsewhere in the province. Indeed, deficiencies will be common through the principal grain belt. When coupled with occasionally mild weather, snow cover should diminish at times to negligible amounts in the south, opening ranges for livestock. The bulk of the month's precipitation is likely during the initial five or six days and between the 14th and 20th. —Country Guide.



NOTICE

On account of so many public holidays during Christmas week and New Year's week, the Times will not publish the first issue in the New Year until January 11.



No other words
say it so well —

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and HAPPY NEW YEAR

White Rose Service

Ed A. Haugen, Mgr.

News Report From Edmonton

By Ken Mason

EDMONTON.—The Farmers' Union of Alberta apparently hasn't abandoned the idea of making it compulsory for all farmers in the province to become members, whether they want to or not.

At the annual convention of the FUA in Edmonton last week, some 200 delegates voted almost unanimously in favor of a resolution asking that farmers be required to purchase agricultural producer licences. The licence fee, of course would include FUA membership dues.

The effect would be compulsory membership in the farm union, something that has been attempted before, but never successfully. The provincial government would have to impose the licence and collect the fees. A farmer would have to obtain a licence before he would be permitted to sell any produce.

Although the resolution was passed almost unanimously by those in attendance, there is no way of knowing whether the proposal actually has the support of the majority of FUA members. There were some 200 delegates in the convention hall at the time, on the last day of the meetings, out of more than 600 who had registered earlier in the week.

It is too early to say what the outcome will be, but from past experience it would appear that the resolution won't get much support from the government.

Earlier attempts were made to have union fees collected by municipalities through municipal taxes. The municipalities turned thumbs down on the idea, and the province rejected it on the grounds of compulsory membership.

There has been nothing to indicate the government has changed its mind. The main argument is the obvious one that a farmer who doesn't support the views of the farm union should not be compelled to join it. Added to that is the known fact that many Social Crediters hate any form of compulsion with a deep and abiding hatred.

On the other hand, delegates in favor of the plan pointed out that teachers, doctors and lawyers must be licensed through their own associations. Most delegates felt farmers should belong to the FUA whether they are interested in it or not, for their own protection.

However, an important aspect of licensing which apparently was overlooked is that control and regulation usually goes along with licensing. Doctors, lawyers and teachers, for example, must meet rigid standards before they are licensed. Would the farmers of Alberta submit to government control of their operations in return for protection from the FUA through compulsory membership?

Mind you, this writer isn't arguing for or against the proposal, but it should be pointed out that the FUA executives will have to think up some pretty sharp answers for vigorous opposition they are going to encounter from many quarters. For example, could the demand for compulsory membership be an admission that the farm union is weak and is not supported by the majority of farmers? If the union was a strong organization with the farmers solidly behind it, would the executive feel any need for compulsory membership?

The fact that voluntary membership is apparently failing might be interpreted by the government as an indication that the majority of farmers do not support the FUA. The preamble to the resolution admitted that the system of having volunteers canvass for memberships has failed.

Proponents of the scheme pointed out that farming is about the only industry which is not licensed and the only industry which can't pay a standard wage and doesn't have compensation or unemployment benefits.

The attitude of those in favor was that the farm union will never become a powerful organization able to obtain benefits for farmers unless membership is compulsory. It was pointed out that those who aren't interested would at least be able to help financially.

Undoubtedly there are sound arguments on both sides, but it is clear the FUA has a tough sell-

HER QUIET CHRISTMAS

KATE YARROW had so often heard neighbors remark that she would be an old woman before her time, that she had begun to think of herself as quite middle-aged. Actually she was not quite 30, nor had her full days as mistress of the Yarrow household turned her hair gray or her cheeks wan.

Sometimes, since she had taken her mother's place, Kate did think she was imposed upon. But she-blamed no one. Her father was generous enough with the money, and she had Marie in the kitchen and old Sam for outside work. But five inconsiderate younger brothers and sisters, a preoccupied father and a grumbling grandfather made a household that required supervision.

For the past two years, Kate thought, there had really been no Christmas. But this year would be different. The brothers, all in boarding school or college, had accepted invitations to spend the holidays with room-mates. One sister was visiting an aunt, and the other had gone south with her gawking but youthful grandfather. Kate's father was spending the season with a thoroughly capable widow who, it had been whispered, he was considering as a possible second wife.



Bill did not neglect his privilege.

So as soon as the last member of her brood had faded down the driveway, Kate told Marie and Sam to take a two-day vacation — and then settled back to spend Christmas by herself. She ran into the capacious living room and with a completely undignified leap planted herself sprawling upon the divan. Every-one but Kate sprawled on that divan. Kate never had time. Now she would begin the Christmas holidays by staying there for hours.

Before dinner-time she donned her best red evening frock and over this her smock. Then she went down to the kitchen to make herself a meal, admitting for the first time that it was rather lonesome in the old house. She heard loud rappings on the old brass knocker, and went to open the door rather timidly.

But her timidity gave way to annoyance. There was her older brother, Tom, who had started that morning ostensibly to pass the holidays with a group of bachelor friends. And here he was, back with five young men in tow! They were heavily laden — turkey feet protruding from one of the bundles.

"Well, we began talking it over," Tom said, "and decided Christmas at the club would be a frost. So I asked the fellows to come home with me. I was afraid you wouldn't have things for the feast, so we stopped and got what we thought you'd want. Bill, here, even got mistletoe, though I told him there'd be no pretty girl."

Then, turning to one of the young men whom Kate had never met, the restless brother went on, "Bill, this is my sister. Now I'll run along and get the car in the garage. And, ah, you might take the fellows up and show 'em where you want 'em to sleep!"

Bill alone of the young bachelors noted the look of disappointment on Kate's face. Later, after she had prepared an impromptu Christmas Eve supper and laid aside her duties, he told her of what he thought of the table. "I thought Tom said there would be no pretty girls here. Boys, let's drink a toast to Sister Kate!"

It was past midnight that night when Kate left the kitchen. The boys had helped with the dishes under Bill's orders, but there would be pies and puddings to make for the next day and Kate knew she would have her hands full. She was up early to prepare the festive breakfast, and all day she worked in the kitchen.

It was late Christmas night when she had finished the last work in the kitchen. As she passed through the hall Bill stood waiting for her. There, above them, hung the mistletoe — and Bill did not neglect his privilege.

"It isn't just because of the mistletoe," he told Kate, holding her still close to him. "I loved you when I first saw you. It has been outrageous for us to impose on you this way."

"It's all been worthwhile, Bill," Kate replied, "because I've made myself believe that I was doing it all for you — alone!"

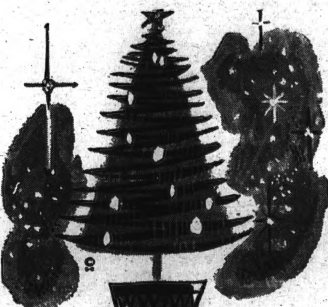
ing job ahead of it—not only to the government, but to many farmers as well.

Arnold W. Platt, of Edmonton and formerly of Lethbridge, was elected by acclamation to his second term as president of the FUA. Henry Young, Millet, was re-elected vice-president. Other executive members are A. B. Wood, Dewberry; E. Nelson, Brightview; Mrs. C. T. Armstrong, Calgary, FWUA president, and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Wainwright.



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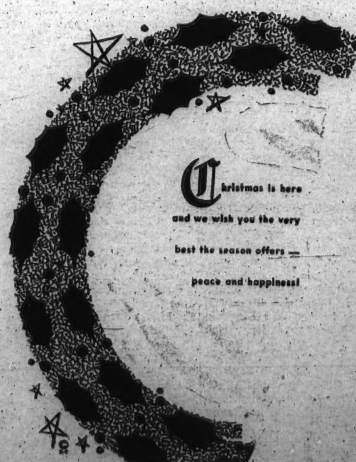
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Greetings from VIC and KEITH

editorials... from other weekly papers

(These are not necessarily the views of the editor of this paper)

Teachers' salary increases

(The Leader, St. James, Man.—Nov. 15, 1956)

Local news of the week is chiefly about schools and the cost of education, not excluding the demands of the teaching staff for increased salaries, and the hopes of the latter in this connection.

Elsewhere we have given the schedule of teacher salary requests for the year 1957 in the various classes, Class I to Class VI. Classes I-III inclusive mean Grade XII standing, 1st, 2nd and 3rd year university, respectively, each with one year at Normal School. Class IV means a B.A. degree with one year at Normal. Class V means an M.A. degree with one year at Normal, and Class VI means M.A. and M.Ed. degrees possessed.

The proposals, in addition to the basic minimum and maximum salaries in each class, can be given as follows, with our attempt at clarification.

Any teacher coming on to the staff to be on a probationary period for two years.

Credits for partial work towards a university degree to be allowed at \$40 per course. Presumably this means that a course at summer school tending towards the teacher's B.A. or B.Sc. degree would qualify for an additional \$40 for the year.

Credits of \$40 per year are to be allowed for the teacher with completed professional course, such, presumably, as a specified art court house economics, etc. It is specified in this respect that no course taken prior to 1945 shall be considered. Remuneration for such professional courses is to apply over and above the maximum salary range in each class.

A dependent's allowance of \$300 "in accordance with the Income Tax Act." It is news to us that the Income Tax Act specifies that teachers are to be paid an allowance of \$300 for dependents, but presumably a married teacher male or female would have his or her dependent's allowance under the Income Tax Act paid for by an extra allowance to his or her salary. It would appear as if the teachers are certainly out to minimize the chances of the teacher with many dependents getting on to their school staffs, or conversely, to make the taxpayer pay heavily for the privilege of having a family man or woman teach his children.

A fifth "fringe benefit" would appear to be quite reasonable in allowing materially leave when necessary and presumably means that the teacher in question would return at any time to the staff with the same standing as when leaving.

A long-service increment is asked for Class I teachers with 20 or more years experience who are asked to be allowed to be advanced to the Class II maximum "the normal annual increments." The normal annual increment is \$200 per year in accordance with the existing agreement.

The present limit of "30" units to be wiped out in considering a principal's administrative allowance. On the present basis a principal in charge of a school with 1500 children would receive no more than a principal in charge of a school with 800-children, which would appear to be somewhat unreasonable.

These, then, are the 1957 salary schedules for the teachers on the staffs of St. James schools. It might be noted that in the case of Class I teachers, the minimum asked for is \$100 more than the Winnipeg teachers are asking, although all other basic minima are lower than in the Winnipeg schedule, always conceded to be highest in the province. The total increase asked for in the basic salaries for the various classes of teachers will amount to \$110,759.00, with an additional \$11,700.00 for dependent's allowance. The total increase for this year will amount to \$122,459.00, which, however, includes the normal increase which they would receive according to existing contracts amounting to \$28,300.00.

It is difficult to justify the demands of the teachers that an amount equal to the dependent's allowance of \$300 under the Income Tax Act should be paid to them in addition to salaries. There is absolutely no reason existing making the teaching profession exempt from income tax and thereby creating a privileged class of citizens.

It is not difficult to have a good deal of sympathy for the demands of the teaching profession for higher salaries when one considers, for instance, the salaries paid to professional entertainers appearing on T.V., in relation to the earnings of other people in much more responsible professions, such, for instance, as the teacher.

We appear, to say the least, to be living in an age where values are twisted and distorted out of all reason when it comes to remuneration for service rendered.

It is only correct to note that the various extras for additional courses have not been calculated in the totals given as the increase in taxation which will be necessitated should the teachers' requests be granted. It should be noted that the two new schools now in the building will require an additional staff of about 15 teachers, or a further, approximately \$50,000.00 for 1957.

Holiday proclamations

(The News, Viking, Alberta—Nov. 21, 1956)

Something that should be clarified is the matter of holidays, especially if the holiday falls on a Sunday and the following Monday is declared the official holiday. For instance, Remembrance Day, November 11, was on a Sunday. Premier Manning issued a proclamation that Monday, November 12, would be a holiday in Alberta and that all public buildings, offices, banks and schools would close for the day (except of course, the faithful telephone staffs who are on the job 24 hours a day the year round). It seems that stores and business places are exempt from such a proclamation. In some towns and cities there was business as usual, other towns closing for the day. This caused considerable confusion and irritation, both for the business interests and the public. A proclamation such as issued by the premier should have some teeth in it for the whole province and not only a section of it.

Another milestone

(The Herald Tribune, Grand Prairie, Alberta—Nov. 20, 1956)

Recent stress laid on the value of adequate road signs in Alberta by Highways Minister Gordon Taylor will come as a welcome note to many residents of the "Peace." In this respect, northern highways could certainly find room for general improvement.

The highways minister, making mention of the matter last week, said that most signs in the province are too small to be readily noticed by passing motorists. While there are few who would dispute this statement, numerous residents of the Peace River country have frequently noted the lack of directional and mileage posts in most cases along routes yet comparatively unimproved.

No matter what one's personal opinion of the condition of B.C. highways, the traveller who ventures into the B.C. Black must admit that those on the west side of the provincial boundary are ahead of us in placing of adequate road signs. Even second-grade market roads, some barely touched by gravel, bear their quota of directional signposts at key-junction points.

In such a situation, even the most unfamiliar passer-by is able to find his destination, even if it be on an insignificant country road.

In the Alberta portion of the "Peace" Country, nearly all residents who have lived here for a period of longer than five years will admit that the improvement of travel routes in the north has been little short of phenomenal. A good system of road signs would better enable travellers to make use of these now-improved travel links.

In some sections of the district where an arterial road touches nearly all centres along the way, the lack of road signs is not noticeable. In other regions, where settlements are more scattered, finding a remote store or post office in some secluded district can be fairly frustrating.

Announcement that the highways department is now turning special attention toward better road signs will be a welcome one to most residents in the north. (Peace River Record-Gazette)

People are wonderful

(Empire Advance, Virden, Man.—Nov. 21, 1956)

People in rural areas, in small towns like Virden, spend great deal on each other. They live closer together than do citizens of the big cities where neighborliness is almost unknown.

Sometimes this very closeness becomes an aggravation and for a time sparks fly, usually over some minor disagreement. But when need arises, in times of trouble or of rejoicing, when a community project has to be undertaken, then the togetherness of rural and small town people has real meaning. It is wonderful how people can co-operate to get things done, to bring comfort in sorrow, to share in life's great moments.

Virden is fortunate that it has not become too big for most people to know most other people... at least here people can and do know their neighbors.

There is a friendliness in our town so different from the cold concern of big city people. In the metropolis one's friends are relatively few and mainly far between. Here everyone is a potential friend.

People are wonderful and (of course we are) people in smaller centres are more wonderful than anybody.

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Here is a doll buggy to be proud of. Adjustable top. Stylish lines. Modern and gay. Pattern 221 gives

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PATTERN 430

be mailed for 35c. A list of sources of supply for musical movements will be included. This pattern is one of five in the Child-Pleaser Pack for \$1.50.

Address order to: Home Workshop Patterns, Department P.E.L., 4435 West 5th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Handkerchief once badge of rank

An item of convenience, and somewhat decoration that is taken for granted by modern men and women was considered a badge of rank and class by Europeans of the 14th, 15th and 16th century. The simple handkerchief in these days was considered as indispensable to the lady of fashion as her jewels.

These extravagant "mouchoirs"—decorated with deep borders of finest lace—were carried strictly for "show." Personal hygiene was not an important part of the lives of Renaissance ladies and their methods of laundering were too drastic for even some of the sturdier fabric not to mention lace.

The first handkerchief was probably the Roman "sudarium," which was used to wipe the perspiration from Roman faces and to hold in front of the mouth to prevent the spread of infection.

These hygienic and thoughtful uses were discarded in the dark snuff-taking middle ages when the handkerchief was used only as an extravagant accessory to rank and fashion.

At first white—or as close to white as could be attained in those days—was the standard color for handkerchiefs. The practice of snuff-taking enhanced the popularity of colored handkerchiefs since snuff stains were camouflaged by the colors.

Today with approximately 3,000 synthetic dyes available and speedy and economical printing methods, modern men and women have an infinite variety of dyed and color-printed handkerchiefs to choose from.

The food staple in Tibet is a flour made from roast barley mixed with butter.

Veteran weekly editor honored at Wolseley

By HAROLD LONGMAN

Ed Scrivner, dean of Saskatchewan's weekly newspaper editors, and mayor of Wolseley, was honored by representatives of a grateful town he has served for half a century.

Mr. Scrivner marked his 50th year in business here and his 50th as a weekly newspaperman. His length of service in this field has only been surpassed by one other man in the province—his old friend John Scott, who edited the Whitehead Herald for 55 years before retiring a short time ago.

Representatives of the Wolseley Chamber of Commerce, fellow-businessmen and members of the weekly press, were guests at an informal reception and dinner in the Wolseley hotel in his honor and at which he was presented with a gift marking the occasion. The event was sponsored by the chamber.

"You have to have a little something extra to survive so long in the weekly newspaper business," Bert McKay, editor of the Moose Mountain-Spectator, and President of the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspaper Association said in congratulating Mr. Scrivner. "I will consider this one of the outstanding things in my term of office, being able to attend this function to honor such a valued member of this community and of our association," he said.

Cliff Ashfield, editor of the neighboring Grenfell Sun, also paid tribute to Mr. Scrivner and said that as a competitor he appreciated his fine qualities.

"I should say that Ed Scrivner is the most just competitor a man could have," he said, and added "my competition is just enough to keep us clear of the combine act." Warden Burgess, ex-M.P.A., and a personal friend of Mr. Scrivner, said that men like Mr. Scrivner "use the powerful influence of the press to seek advancement of the community are the most valuable citizens we have."

Using his friend as an example, he praised what he termed "country editors" in general for the work they do.

"He is the man who is supposed to know all there is to know about everyone there is to know in the community," he said.

The country weekly, he contended, is the most thoroughly read of any publication. "And its influence, while there is no definite way of measuring it, is tremendous."

Like most weekly editors, Ed Scrivner is a man with a mission, he said, trying at all times to advance his community.

"He always has an opinion," he said, "and while you may not agree with those opinions you have to give him credit for taking a stand."

"He will likely be hollering at the cat instead of waiting to see which way it will jump."

The minds of men like Ed Scrivner are not bound by the assembly-line technique that is taking over modern society—including our governments, said Mr. Burgess. Ed Scrivner is a rebel and we need men like that to save ourselves from our own success," he said, "which is a greater danger to our modern world than Communism. We must not get too complacent," he warned.

At the close of the function E. F. Cheney, another old friend, presented Mr. Scrivner with a floor lamp and humorously recalled his association with Mr. Scrivner as a bridge player over more than 30 years.

"The women were terrified of him and never wanted to be his partner," he said.

In replying, Mr. Scrivner recalled honey and humorous anecdotes from 50 years of public life in Wolseley, and gave a brief outline of his life in this mainline town.

With tears running down his cheeks he thanked those present for remembering him and said, "It has been a good life here, there have been many happy times—and some and ones too."

Born at Hastings, Ont., where he played lacrosse in his youth, and lost an eye in a rugged game, he entered the printing trade at the age of 12. Later his father, the late J. H. Scrivner bought the

shop and Ed worked with him. At the age of 18 he went into business for himself and has continued since.

In 1906 he came west and on a tip from a fellow traveller came to Wolseley, 50 years ago, where he worked for the original publisher of the News. Upon his death a few days later Mr. Scrivner took over the paper which he still publishes, now with the help of his son Harry.

In 1907 he returned to Hastings where he married Lillian Rogers and brought her west with him. She died in 1935.

They raised a family of five, three daughters and two sons. Harry works with his father at Wolseley. Rogers lives in Edmonton, Dorothy works in Regina and Mrs. H. Thompson, now more than 80, lives nearby at Wolseley. The third daughter, Mrs. R. S. Moore lives in Brandon.

In his years at Wolseley Mr. Scrivner has been active in local affairs serving 18 years on council. He was mayor in 1914 to 1916, again in the twenties, once more in the thirties, and has filled the post again since 1954. He was elected again this year for another two-year term.

It was during his term of office in 1905 that Wolseley became the first town south of the Qu'Appelle valley to install a water and sewer system in 30 years. To Ed Scrivner goes much of the credit. His own considerable personality and the influence of his paper, it is said, had much to do with putting it over.

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The foregoing requirement does not apply to:

- A Boiler having capacity less than two (2) horse-power or three (3) cubic feet in volume.
- A Boiler in a private residence occupied by not more than four families.
- Boilers used in connection with an open type Hot Water Heating System.

Government of the Province of Alberta

Department of Industries and Labour

BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS BRANCH

J. E. OBERHOLTZER Deputy Minister A. J. MUNRO Chief Inspector of Boilers

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Bring your Hogs to market on Fridays, each week. Try and have them into yards by 3 o'clock p.m. or shortly after.

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Wainwright School Division No. 32

Nominations for the office of divisional trustee for subdivision No. 1 of the Wainwright School Division No. 32 of the Province of Alberta will be received by the undersigned at his office in the Town of Wainwright, Alberta, until six o'clock p.m. on Tuesday the fifteenth day of January, 1957.

Subdivision No. 1 includes the following School Districts:

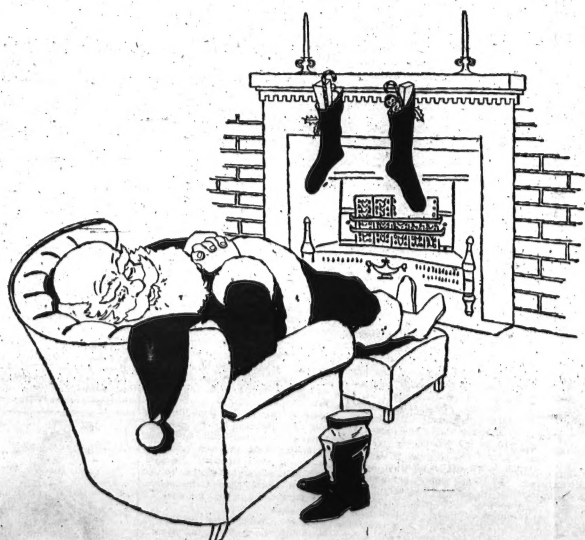
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ALMA MATER;
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ROSS;
BATTS;
HUTTERITE COLONY;
LYNX.

Nomination and acceptance forms (Forms G and H) may be had from the secretary of your district, OR from the undersigned.

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By J. S. Duncan

Coyote Control

Reports that are being received indicate that coyotes are both numerous and hungry. There have been reports of losses of poultry and a few of pigs being killed. Farmers who are using them report good results from the use of Cyanide Guns and Strychnine Pellets. Both of these are available from your Pest Control Officer and both are easy to use and safe if used properly. If coyotes seem to be getting too numerous around your farm this is the time to thin them out. Every female killed now means from three to six less coyotes next fall. When means of control are available free of charge no one should be bothered by coyotes.

Wintering Cattle

There could be a very long feeding period this winter and there will be some with only a limited feed supply. While feed should not be wasted it is a bad mistake to try to skimp on feed at the beginning of the feeding period. It is much better to keep cattle strong than to let them fail badly and then try to bring them back later. If you are short of hay a little bit of grain can make a big difference to the amount of roughage needed and also to the condition of your cattle. A mineral supplement of salt, bone meal and limestone should be available at all times if no other mineral supplement is being fed. Cows in calf should probably get a Vitamin "A" supplement to avoid the possibility of a poor lot of calves.

Dehorning Cattle

Most calves are dehorned early, using caustic, electric dehorners or other methods but there is often one or two missed. These few with horns can be a nuisance at the feed bunk and water trough by bossing the others. They can also cause injury to other animals at times, and they are going to cost money when they are sold. The sooner these horns are taken off the better it will be. There is a set of dehorners at my office which can be borrowed by anyone wanting to dehorn cattle and hasn't dehorners available.

Farm Accounts

Among the many jobs which have to be done on the farm is the one of keeping accounts or records of some kind. It is said that many farmers pay more income tax than they need to just because their farm accounts are not properly kept. It is also true that many farmers do not know which of their farm enterprises are making a profit and which are costing them money because all they have a record of is the total income and the total expenses of the farm.

A new year is starting in a couple of weeks and that is a good time to start keeping a good set of accounts. This doesn't mean a complicated double entry system or anything confusing like that. It does mean spending fifteen or twenty minutes a week or an hour a month making sure that all entries are made and in the correct place. The small amount of work involved is repaid well when it comes to making out income tax returns alone, and finding out which of the farm enterprises pay best can mean making a bigger profit out of the farm.

Kinsella News

The Christmas colored street lights are giving Main Street a very gay appearance, reminding us that Christmas will soon be here.

Stores in town are also stocked with seasonal goods.

Mr. John Daugherty, who has been a patient in the Viking hospital, has returned home.

Twenty-one good prizes were won by the lucky winners at the Elks' bingo held on Friday night.

A school concert will be held on Wednesday the 19th in the Memorial Hall to raise funds to purchase a projector for the school.

Mr. Bert Travis, an old-timer of the Rodino district, who is now living in Regina is at present a guest at the hotel.

Mrs. A. Borenski of Edmonton was visiting friends in Kinsella recently.

A New Year's Frolic sponsored by the Legion will be held on New Year's Eve.

Viking Gas Kings Trounce Wainwright In League Opener

(From The Viking News)

The E.A.H.L. got underway last Saturday night as the Viking Gas Kings played at Wainwright and the St. Paul Hornets made the trip to Vegreville.

The Gas Kings, surprising tho it may seem, walloped the Commandos by the convincing score of 9 to 4. The Gas Kings, featuring mostly home-brew talent, (two imports from Edmonton) took advantage of weak goaltending on Wainwright's team and led 4 to 2 after the first period. The Commandos switched goal tenders in the second, but it didn't help them too much as the Viking crew led 6 to 3 when the whistle blew ending the second stanza.

The third period featured brilliant net-minding by the Gas Kings net custodian, Milton Malick (with Daysland last year). With very little practice, young Milt showed the fans just why he was regarded as one of the top net minders in the south league last year. Quite a few new faces are seen with the club this year, namely, Cikaluk of Bruce, Kevin Gleeson (a fifty centremen) of Viking, Johnny Carp and Wally Sawchuk of Edmonton; local talent included Nick Josephson (coach), Larry Procktor, Lindsay ("Rocket") Thummler, Len Josephson, Leo Rurka (plays well with Carp), Bert Whitten, Glib Brissard and young Bob Otto.

Goals for the locals were notched by Len Josephson (2), Rurka (2), N. Josephson (2), Procktor (1), Whitten (1), Gleeson 1. In the Vegreville-St. Paul tussle, Vegreville came out on top by the score of 14 to 2. St. Paul are rumored to have a former Saskatchewan Quaker player coaching them this year. (Maybe he stayed in Saskatchewan for this game!)

Jarrow News

Eddie Orascheki of the RCAF, Winnipeg, is home on a three-week leave.

To the M. and M. Fund in memory of Mr. M. Tesman from Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Meakins and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Helfrich and Lavonne of Edmonton spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Helfrich's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Orascheki.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Matthew and family visited with the J. Matthew family at Vegreville on Saturday.

The congregation at Jarrow church enjoyed the Special Xmas Service on Sunday, December 16. Special music by the "Batts Group" and "Jarrow Group" with recitations by Shirley Anne Meakins and Fay Smith gave added enjoyment. Rev. Inglis fine Christmas message brought forth the true meaning of Christmas.

A Merry Christmas to everyone from your scribe.

Killam Woman Wins Car

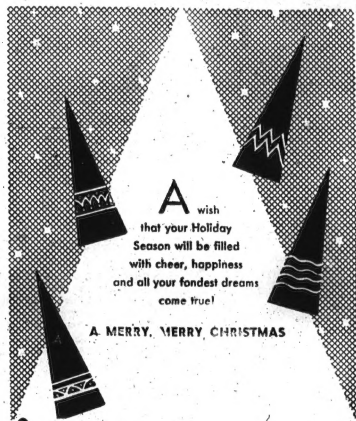
As was reported last week, Mrs. Johannes Schuurman of Killam was the first to report a blackout in connection with the Camrose Elks' Lodge Newspaper Car Bingo, and since that time no other blackout has been reported.

So, at eleven o'clock this Wednesday morning, Mrs. Schuurman was formally presented with her car by officers of the Elks' Lodge. As was stated last week, Mrs. Schuurman received her Canadian Citizenship certificate at the District Court sittings in Camrose on December 4. Not too many new citizens get a new Chev. car along with their citizenship papers.

GETTING MARRIED?—If so, be sure and see our complete line of Wedding Invitations at reasonable cost. New samples in the latest designs are now on hand. Enquire at The Viking News Office.



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ber 26 and Wednesday, January 2.

Viking Co-op Creamery Ltd.

Wainwright Kinsmen Newspaper Car Bingo

B — 2 6 3 5 11 13 12
I — 24 29 26 23
N — 41 35 37 45
G — 57 53 59 58 46 49 51
O — 69 66 72 64 74 61

Tickets are on sale in Irma by Larry-Meier, Frank Drewicki, and Ross McFarland Jr.

General Store, Jarow: Paterson Store and Barker and Brown in Kinella.

Mrs. M. Lundahl, Viking Pool Room, Pete McArthur and The Viking News, Kelly's Hdwe., Viking.

All proceeds go towards community projects. Get your tickets and follow the bingo all the way through.

Vermilion Elks' Newspaper Car Bingo

Numbers drawn to date are:
B — 1 5 4 9 13 12
I — 27 16 19 21 24 22 28 25 30
20
N — 42 32 38 33 39 34 44
G — 18 26 36
O — 67 51 50 47 55 59 58

Cards are now available at The Viking News office.
Numbers will appear in The Viking News each week.

Holden Curling Club \$2000 Cash Bingo

Here are the numbers drawn so far:

B — 7 11 8 12 6 15 5 1 14 3 10
2 9
I — 28 24 25 23 16 30 26 17 18
N — 31 36 42 33 34 44 38 45
32 39 40 37 35 43

G — 47 52 50 51 54 55 60 57 49
O — 65 68 66 63 67 61 69 70 71
64 75

Only the black out is left to win the big cash prize.

Only one number will be called from now on.

Clothes Dryers Grand Prize In Viking Frig Bonspiel

The eighth annual 'Frig' Bonspiel sponsored by the Viking Curling Club will be held commencing on Wednesday, January 23 to and including Saturday, January 26.

The Grand Prize will be four Electric Clothes Dryers. All told there will be \$1600.00 worth of valuable prizes for winners to take home. The entry fee is \$40.00 per team, and entries close January 20. Entries are receivable by Cecil Runyon, phone evenings 133, days 47; or L. G. Dobry, phone R613.

The Frig Spiel is considered one of the best open spiels held in this part of the province, and the committees are arranging to make it exceed any of the past spiels and there's been some good ones. A lot of name curlers have been seen in action since the first one, and already there is a great deal of interest being manifest by local as well as outside rinks.

Gordon Stalker Died Suddenly

(From The Viking News)

This community was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Gordon Stalker, on Friday, December 14, at the Viking hospital. He had undergone an operation from which he seemed to rally but passed away Friday forenoon. Well known as an stationeer, both in this community and along the south CPR line, his passing is mourned by a host of friends.

Funeral services were held from the Viking community hall on Monday, December 17 at 2 p.m., which was filled with sorrowing friends, neighbors and relatives.

An obituary will be published in our next issue.

Notice To Creditors And Claimants

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SIVERT K. NILSON, LATE OF THE DISTRICT OF IRMA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named SIVERT K. NILSON, who died on the 28th day of September, A.D. 1956, are required to file with Messrs. Purvis, Johnston and Purvis, 604 Royal Trust Building, Edmonton, Alberta, by the 28th day of January A.D. 1957, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the Executrix will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to her knowledge. DATED at Edmonton, Alberta, this 4th day of December, A.D. 1956.

Purvis, Johnston and Purvis, Barristers and Solicitors, 604 Royal Trust Building, Edmonton, Alberta. Solicitors for the Executrix. 7-14-21c



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WANTS ADS DO BIG WORK

Snow removal equipment serves 8,000 miles of highway

The Saskatchewan Department of Highways is well along with the preparation of snow removal equipment which will be used to keep approximately 8,000 miles of the provincial highway system open during the coming winter.

To handle the big maintenance job, the department has 110 units of snow removal equipment representing a capital investment of \$1,400,000. Included are 11 rotary-type snow blowers, nine of which are truck-mounted, one is mounted on a motor grader and one on a crawler-type tractor. The remainder are V-type plows mounted on motor graders and trucks of from three to 10 tons in size. In addition to the V-blade, the 10-ton trucks carry a snow levelling wing.

All units in the snow removal force, except the rotaries and the 10-ton truck plows, are used on other jobs during summer months. Winter maintenance, which employs from 250 to 300 men, is carried out under the direction of the District Engineer in each of eight highway districts into which Saskatchewan is divided. Roughly 1,000 miles of the provincial highway system is located in each district.

In an effort to give maintenance service when and where it is needed most the department establishes a priority rating for snow removal service on the highway system. Such roads are chosen on the basis of traffic density and community services using the artery. This done, the priority rated roads get attention first after a road-blocking storm, because of the number of people affected. To facilitate clearing after bad storms, machines are placed at strategic points away from headquarters in some districts. In this way the greatest mileage is cleared in the shortest time, and a minimum of travelling from job to job is done by plows and other maintenance machines.

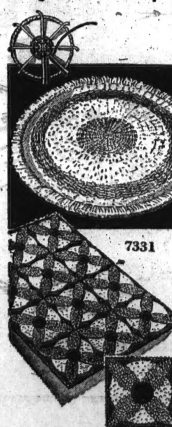
The highways department does some custom snow removal for rural municipalities on condition and equipment permit, in addition to maintaining those roads in the provincial highway system.

To keep the public informed of road conditions from day to day during the winter months, the department sends out a daily road report to all interested agencies. Information for the report is telephoned in to head office at Regina each morning by the District Engineers.

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Warts charmed away

Our men of medical science are gradually catching up with backwoods medicine and harnay science.

Encouraging evidence of this progress was contained in the recent speech of Dr. Roy Kile to the American Medical Association in which he said that the power to cure by suggestion is "as dramatically presented with warts as with any disease we know."

What the doctor was trying to say was that warts can be charmed away. Any farm boy worth a gourd full of stump water could have told him that years ago.

Doctors have suggested for some time that medicine was a poor way to get rid of warts. Writing in Current Therapy for 1931, Dr. Stephen Epstein declared that the best treatment for warts on children was psychotherapy (big word for power of suggestion, or charming them off).

Said Dr. Epstein:

"The warts are painted with a 10/0 alcoholic solution of gentian violet, which is called 'the electronic war fluid,' in front of the child. The old spark gap diathermy machine is used to make such noise as the wide-apart spark gaps will provide. Naturally, the electronic is not connected to the machine, but it is made to appear as if it were. The child is assured that the warts will probably be gone in three to four weeks. Only in few cases is a second treatment necessary."

That's all right if you happen to have a diathermy machine and a stock of gentian violet on hand, but any small town boy with a horse hair and a handy stump can do as well, if not better.

Huckberry Finn had an elaborate procedure that entailed dead cats and midnight graveyards. The genuine cure, and one repeated by any man who grew up outside the benighted confines of a city, consists of taking a hair from the tail of a horse, looking it hard under water and tying it around the wart. Before the hair rots, the wart will dry up and drop off.

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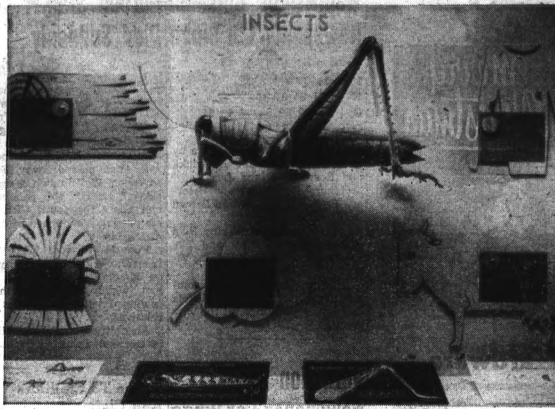
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Insect display case at museum

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The display is highlighted by a giant paper mache replica of a grasshopper, approximately three feet long and painted in natural colors of the species, giving a realistic effect.

Insects on display are the types that are pests which destroy timber, clothes, wheat and crop roots, and annoy cattle. They include the bark beetle, the wheat stem sawfly, the lesser migratory grasshopper and the warble fly. Mounted specimens of these types are attached to cards giving information about them.

Valuable information pertaining to metamorphosis, the respiratory system and the various parts of the anatomy of insects is given on large cards in the display.

Insects are found everywhere on the world's land surface. They exceed in variety, numbers and ways any other group of animals. They always have six legs and their bodies are divided into three distinct parts, the head, the thorax and the abdomen.

The larval forms do not develop gradually like soft-skinned animals, but develop from an egg in a series of stages.

Much time, work and effort has been put into the display, which is one of a series of new exhibits, by the staff of the museum, in order to bring the public the best and latest information relating to insects.

Only 15 to 20 inches of saashen is required to make a daisy bow. Tie the circle of ribbon with a piece of goldenrod saashen, knotting the ribbon so that it forms a raised centre for the flower. Continue the magic bow directions.

Similarly the Christmas posy, made with only about 15 inches of red saashen and tied with a knotted piece of goldenrod ribbon, is equally effective. After tying the circle, hold the two sets of loops together and cut out the petals in curved fashion from the centre to and through the ends of the loops. This assures that all the petals will be of uniform size and shape.

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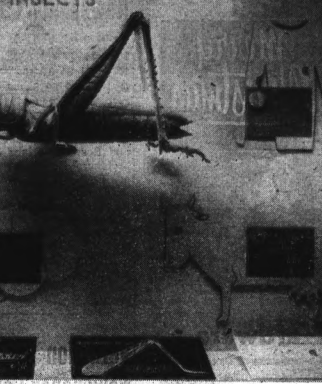
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Funny and Otherwise

Quizzing a bunch of recruits, the marine sergeant asked: "Jones, when you clean a rifle, what's the first thing you do?" "Look at the number," the man replied promptly.

"Now what on earth has that got to do with cleaning a rifle?" the sergeant demanded.

"Just want to make sure," replied Jones, "that I'm cleaning my own."

In a bookshop presided over by a lover of literature and his devoted by quarrelsome wife, the nine-year-old daughter developed the bad habit of eaves-dropping on parental set-toes then reporting the grim details to favored customers. She challenged one with "Bet you can't guess what Mommy has hanging around her neck all the time?"

"Give up," admitted the customer. The daughter answered, "All of Daddy's dumb relatives."

Motor Salesman: "This car is absolutely the last word."

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Head of Business College: "In teaching shorthand and typewriting, we are strong for accuracy."

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College Head: "Well, of last year's class, six married their employers within six months!"

"Howdy," I said to Absent-Minded Abe the other day. "I hear your wife has had twins. Are they boys or girls?"

"Well, as I recall, one is a boy and one is a girl," Abe said, "but it may be the other way around!"

A lady, bragging about her new house, with all the superlatives in the book, finally ended up her oration with "and the bathroom is out of this world!"

Bored Listener: "That makes it slightly inconvenient, doesn't it?"

Christmas once movable feast
Christmas was once like Easter in that it was a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

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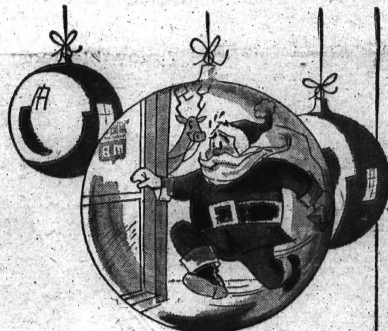
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And a heart not right.

What could I give him,
Trembling, wretched, sick,
With a soul as twisted
As the crook of my shepherd's stick?

Started I saw that the light
Streaming in that holy place
Came not from the gifts
But from the Babe's sweet face!

It took only a moment
That wounded heart to lift
And he received it, blessed it,
My Christmas gift!

—Theodore Simonson.

The Irma United church Sunday School will hold a White-Gift Service in the church on Sunday evening, December 23 at 7 o'clock. Everybody welcome.



For Christmas and the New Year

Carl Anquist



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HOLIDAY at HOME

IT WAS three nights before Christmas and Margaret was packing to go home. Contrary to traditional sentiment, she was not happy about it, for she had planned to stay in New York with Ralph. With considerable forethought she had even planned the day; church in the morning, Christmas dinner with Amy and Bill, a walk down Fifth Avenue at twilight, a snack of supper, and the theater.

But Ralph had been invited to a "well house party in Philadelphia." Margaret slammed down the top of her suitcase. She could have borne up under a Christmas with a lovely mother, or a widowed sister.

"What about me?" she had longed to cry out, but she had, instead, smiled and said that it was just too marvelous, wondering meanwhile if Mr. Johnson would let her have an extra day off. Ralph had only to go to Philadelphia, two hours away, while she had no one within 60 miles.



Several hours later she stood on the porch of a white frame house.

Now she was ready, bag in hand, for the midnight train. As she waited for the taxicab, she smoothed her black tailored woolen frock over her slim hips. If New York hadn't been particularly kind to her, it had at least taught her how to dress! She couldn't sleep on the train, closing her eyes, she saw the cluttered desk which she had left at Roswell's Advertising Agency, and Mr. Johnson's kindly face when he had told her to go home for Christmas. She saw Ralph's desk in the manager's office, Ralph dancing in Philadelphia, Ralph opening Christmas gifts — and just Ralph, with whom she would never again share good times.

There was a three-hour wait for the local train at Pittsburgh, but Margaret was too tired and depressed to leave the station. After buying a magazine featuring an article on men, and an astrological delineation of her birthday, she settled herself into the pleasant task of trying to determine her future in this most unpredictable world. Several hours later, not much wiser but much more weary, she stood on the porch of a white frame house.

The door opened and Margaret blinked. "It's me!" shouted Ralph triumphantly. "She came on the midnight train!"

Mrs. Brown rushed out to the hallway and embraced her daughter in an ample, motherly embrace. "Margaret! Why child, you're a sight! Your face is as black as coal!" Margaret withdrew herself from her mother's arms and looked at the two of them coolly. "Well, if it isn't asking too much, just what is this? Not a weekend in Philadelphia, I believe?"

Ralph took her bag and magazine and helped her out of her coat. "Don't be like that, Margaret! I bet your mother a box of candy against a mince pie that you'd come down on the midnight train."

"And what, exactly, are you doing here?"

"Margaret!" chided her mother. "I invited myself. A surprise for you, and then I wanted to talk to your Dad about something."

Ralph was awkwardly turning the magazine in his hands. "Jumping fishes!" he exclaimed. "Look at the little red book!" He opened it to a center page, and read: "The natives of this sign are more than likely to have short tempers."

"Give it to me!"

Ralph held it tantalizingly out of reach and Margaret stamped her foot. "Ralph! Well, she said, 'I come home for a rest and the first thing you do is make fun of me. If I have a complete breakdown, it's your fault. Give me that book!'"

"There, there," comforted her mother. "You go upstairs and get washed. You'll feel better."

Margaret started up the stairs, then turned in sudden remembrance. "Are you staying over Christmas?" she asked Ralph.

"I had expected to."

"You might as well. There's a dance Christmas Eve."

At the top of the steps she turned again. "And don't forget, half of that pie is mine. After all, I did the coming home!"

"Okay."

"She's tickled to death to see you," whispered Mother Brown caustically. She raised his arm, and Ralph understood.

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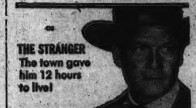


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—Your District Home Economist,
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Hello Homemakers:
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of holly."

The Christmas season is here
at last—with the happy voices
of carol singers, and the shin-
ing eyes of little children. Shop-
ping, gift wrapping and preli-
minary baking should be well
under control by now. The next
and biggest problem to be faced
is the Christmas Dinner.

The menu itself is almost tra-
ditional — turkey, cranberry
sauce, mince pie. Doesn't the
thought make your mouth water?

Here's a recipe for Cranberry
Almond Sauce which is deli-
ciously different.

Cranberry Almond Sauce
1 cup sugar
half cup water
2 cups cranberries
2½ tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
½ cup blanched, slivered,
toasted almonds.

Combine sugar and water in
a sauce pan. Bring to boil and
cook slowly for 5 minutes. Add
cranberries and cook (covered)
5 minutes or until cranberry
skins pop open. Stir in lemon
juice and peel; cool. Add al-
monds; refrigerate until serving
time.

Tip for the Week

With the frig crowded to over-
flowing with Christmas Food,
here's a hint you may welcome.
Put a few drops of vanilla in a
small glass in the refrigerator.
It helps to banish food odors.
Merry Christmas!

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Further donations in memory
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son wish to announce the en-
gagement of their only daughter,
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uary 19 at 4 p.m.

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ald wish to announce the en-
gagement of their daughter, Vi-
vian Gladys, to Marvin Keith,
youngest son of Mr. Ambrose
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Ross McFarland Jr. who both
guessed nearest to the correct
weight of 12 lb. 11 oz.

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weekly auction sales every
Saturday. Sell through the
Auction Mart where you re-
ceive the highest prices for
your cattle and hogs. ROSE-
HILL'S AUCTION MART,
Box 427, Camrose, Alta., Ph.
2114 or 2987. 21c

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horn bulls, yearling and two
year olds. Apply Fred Ku-
wica. 14-21c

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tric train. Reasonably priced.
Apply Gary Hubman. 21c

FOR SALE—girl's figure skates
size 5. Price \$6.00. Apply Mrs.
Clumstad. 21c

FOR SALE—young, fresh milk
cow. F. T. Thurston, Irma.
21p

NOTICE—anyone wanting a
good Christmas goose see —
Mrs. R. Herbert. 21p

Local News

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart
Fenton at the Wainwright hos-
pital on Thursday, December 6,
a son, a brother for Carl, Bar-
bara and Henry.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest
Carter at the Royal Alexandra
hospital on Monday, December
17, a son, Robert Ernest, a bro-
ther for Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drew-
icki are the proud parents of a
baby daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mrs.
Phillip Charter at the Royal Alex-
andra hospital on December 18
a son, a brother for Judy, Lynne,
Janet and Karen.

The four items listed above
make a lovely beginning for the
local column of our Christmas
issue. Many happy Christmas
seasons to all our newcomers
and their parents.

The curling ice is now ready
for curling so anyone wishing
to curl please leave names with
Secretary S. H. Barber. The far-
mers hospital will be held Dec.
27, 28 and 29 so leave your
names with the Secretary for
this event.

Misses Lily MacKay and Jean-
nette Pond, student nurses at
the Royal Alex hospital are
spending 17 days holiday at
their respective homes at Irma.

Mrs. G. Hurst who has been
in Edmonton receiving medical
treatment is home for Christmas.

Mr. K. Coffin is a business
visitor to Edmonton this week.
His father accompanied him to
the city.

The many friends of Mrs. I. S.
Reeds are glad to know that she
is convalescing nicely following
a surgical operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Christenson
and family have moved into the
Ross Eaton house.

Be sure and attend the White
Gift service of the Irma United
church Sunday School to be held
in the church on Sunday eve-
ning at 7 o'clock.

The mild weather of the past
two or three days has been a
real break for us all. May it con-
tinue over the holidays.

Congratulations and best
wishes to Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Jones
who celebrate their 46th wed-
ding anniversary this Christmas.

Also to Mr. and Mrs. L. Hol-
lingen whose silver wedding an-
niversary comes during Christ-
mas week.

Irma Times greetings this year
go via this newspaper across
Canada to all our friends as far
East as Mrs. Wm. Moleux in
P.E.I. and west to Mr. and
Mrs. I. S. Reeds and Mr. and
Mrs. Blakely in Victoria, as far
south as Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Holt
in Phoenix, Arizona, as far north
as Mr. and Mrs. G. Daley at
Dawson Creek and to our old
friends, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gard-
ner in Scotland and Mr. and
Mrs. McKean, Margery and Bet-
ty in England. The Irma Times
really gets around and covers
a great deal of territory. As
Dickens' famous Tiny Tim said
"God Bless us every one."

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all the friends
who so kindly remembered me
during my stay in the hospital.
—Ashley Murray.

FOR SALE—Christmas trees;
belt pulleys, all kinds of se-
cond hand iron, steel wheels;
will take in trade batteries,
radiators and scrap iron. —
Pete McArthur, Viking. 10p



Irma Postoffice Staff



**Harold & Mabel Barker
Jarow**



It is our hope that
this Christmas
will be the merriest
you have ever known!

**Pendleton's
Coffee Shop**

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Lewis, Mgrs.



Gratton View Hotel

FRANK DREWICKI, Manager